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MAPS OF AFRICA EXHIBITED

Forty-eight maps of Africa dating from the 14th century to the present will be exhibited in the Geography and Map Division through February 28. A selective sampling of the division's rich holdings of maps and atlases relating to Africa, the exhibit focuses on two themes—the changing image of Africa as depicted in the cartography of different periods and Africa today as illustrated by recent general and thematic maps. Among the historical maps on display are large wall maps produced by Alexis Huber Jaillot in 1669 and Longchamps and Janvier in 1754. Also included is a manuscript harbor chart drafted in 1804 by F. C. DeKrafft during the important Barbary War actions at Tripoli. The division's special collection of the American Colonization Society is represented by two maps of Liberia.

Several atlases relating to Africa are also being exhibited. They include a 1490 edition of Ptolemy's *Cosmographia* and 1751 edition of *The English Pilot, Part V*, the latter being the earliest collection of nautical charts solely of Africa. A number of recent national and thematic atlases of countries and regions of Africa are on open display in the Geography and Map Division Reading Room. The division is located at 845 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, Va. The hours of opening are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays.

The Library's **Federal Credit Union** will be open for shorter hours on Thursday, December 16. On that day, hours of service will extend from 9 to 11 a.m. only.

FLEXITIME EXPERIMENT LAUNCHED

Effective December 6 certain pre-selected organizational units within the Library are participating in an experiment which allows greater flexibility than the traditional work week. The variation they are experimenting with is known as Flexitime. In the Office of The Librarian the participants are the Affirmative Action and American Revolution Bicentennial Offices. In the Administrative Department the Central Services Division and the Personnel Office and all divisions in the Copyright Office are joining in the experiment.

Law Library units taking part are the Far Eastern Law Division and the Processing Section. In the Processing Department the Catalog Management, Exchange and Gift, MARC Editorial, Order, and Subject Cataloging Divisions, and MARC Development Office are participants. The Loan Division in the Reader Services Department and the Geography and Map Division and Manuscript Division Preparation Section of the Research Department round out the list.

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Flexitime enables employees to choose their own work hours on a daily basis within certain broad constraints. The flexitime system breaks the workday into two distinct kinds of time–core time and flexible time. Core time is that portion of the day when all employees must be present for work. Flexible time is the part of the day during which the employee has the option of choosing a starting and quitting time within the limits specified by the agency.

Organizational units involved in the experiment are required to submit a written report to the director of personnel no later than May 17, 1977. The experiment will be evaluated for feasibility of implementation throughout the Library.

NEW EDITION OF HISPANIC BIBLIOGRAPHY NOW AVAILABLE

The second cumulative edition of *Latin America, Spain, and Portugal: An Annotated Bibliography of Paperback Books* is a recent Library of Congress publication. It was compiled by Georgette M. Dorn, specialist in Hispanic culture in the Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division.

The new 323-page edition contains 2,228 titles of paperback editions published mainly in the United States relating to the Hispanic world, including the British Caribbean, the Portuguese-speaking world, and former colonial dependencies of the two Iberian countries before their independence from the mother country. Previous versions of the bibliography, which appeared in 1964 and 1967, related only to Latin America. The first edition to include Spain and Portugal was published in 1971.

The new enlarged and annotated edition reflects publishers' responses to growing demands by professors and students, by public libraries, and by the public at large who are interested in area or discipline studies for less expensive paperback editions. History, literature, and politics are generally the disciplines best represented. Since the first edition appeared in 1971, many standard works in these fields have remained in print and outstanding newer ones have been published. In addition to the history, literature, and politics, the fields of anthropology, economics, sociology, and the arts have also been strongly represented during the past five years.

A number of recent works deal with minority studies throughout the Hispanic area. Thus books on Puerto Rico and on Chicano studies have been included because they fall within the scope of the general culture area. Works on recent political events and changes in governments have also been listed. The popularity of Latin American literature, especially novels, prompted a number of paperback editions in English. These works are used in classes on Hispanic literature and civilization, and increasingly for courses in history, sociology, and anthropology as well.

The bibliography is divided into three sections: Latin America; Spain and Portugal; and Dictionaries, Grammars, Readers, and Textbooks. The entries are arranged alphabetically by author within each section and each includes full bibliographic information, price of the publication, and a brief descriptive comment. To enhance the bibliography's utility, a list of publishers and a subject index, which provides discipline and area access, are included.

Latin America, Spain, and Portugal: An Annotated Bibliography of Paperback Books (Hispanic Foundation Bibliographical Series 14), can be obtained in person only at the Information Counter of the Library of Congress, or by mail from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $3 (Stock No. 030-013-00007-7).

Country-western artist Jay "Cledus Maggard" Huguely (center) presented a recorded and a print copy of his work, Cledus Maggard's Unabridged Dictionary of C.B. Radio Lingo, *to William J. Welsh (right), The Deputy Librarian of Congress, with Frank Kurt Cylke, chief of the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, looking on. The presentation took place in The Deputy Librarian's office on November 15. Huguely recorded the dictionary for blind and physically handicapped readers at the request of the South Carolina regional library for the blind and physically handicapped.*

WORKSHOP ON ACQUISITIONS FROM THE THIRD WORLD

On Friday, February 4, 1977 a workshop will be held at the Library of Congress on the problems of acquiring materials from Latin America, Africa, and the Near East. An additional session will deal with problems in acquiring U.S. Government documents. Cosponsored by the RTSD/Council of Regional Groups and the Philadelphia Acquisitions Information Network and held through the courtesy of the Library of Congress Order Division, the workshop is designed not for bibliographers and area specialists but rather for acquisitions librarians who must acquire limited amounts of material from the areas mentioned and who consequently cannot avail themselves of such methods as area buying trips, field offices, or comprehensive blanket orders.

Resources specialists from the Library of Congress, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and other librarians will explain the nature of the book trade in these areas, and the reasons for the problems most libraries experience in obtaining materials from them. Primarily, however, the workshop will be devoted to discussion among librarians of solutions and methods they have discovered or attempted.

The workshop is open to those attending the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Washington, D.C., and to others who may wish to attend the workshop only. The cost of the workshop, including lunch, is $7.50 and checks should be made payable to "Acquisitions Workshop." Registration is limited; the deadline for registration is January 1, although later registrants will be accepted if there are vacancies. Registration should be directed to James Thompson, Philadelphia Acquisitions Information Network, 3420 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19174. Suggested topics for discussion, based on problems in Third World and government document acquisitions, are welcomed.

On Thursday evening, February 3, there will be a free cocktail party for workshop registrants, probably at one of the two conference hotels.

Registrants for the workshop will receive details of the schedules for the workshop and the cocktail party, and the results of the suggestions submitted in advance of the midwinter conference.

CARPOOL APPLICATIONS DUE

The Administrative Department is conducting its semiannual review of the assignment of reserved parking spaces on East Capitol St., between 1st and 2nd Sts. adjacent to the Library of Congress Building. Parking permits currently issued to carpools will expire on December 31.

Staff members applying for this street parking should submit their requests on Form LW 27/55 (rev 1/74) in duplicate, filled out on both sides. This form is to be submitted by one member of each carpool

and directed to the Administrative Department office, LCB-122B, not later than December 15. The forms may be obtained from division or department offices. Requirements for carpool assignments are outlined in Special Announcement 805 of December 1.

The new permits will be effective Monday, January 3, and will be good for six months. Spaces on East Capitol St. are not numbered and are available to permit holders on a first-come, first-served basis only.

STAFF NEWS

DEATH OF FORMER STAFF MEMBER

Olive M. Seltzer, who retired from the Library of Congress in 1965, died at Georgetown University Hospital on Tuesday, November 23. A Library employee for over three-and-a-half decades, Miss Seltzer was 71.

A native of Washington, D.C., she graduated from the University of Maryland and taught elementary school before joining the staff of the Library in 1929. She worked for the Personnel Office at the time of her retirement.

Miss Seltzer was a member of the Women of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and served as secretary of the Sword and Shield Club of the church.

There are no immediate survivors. It is suggested that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the American Heart Association.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Mary Adams, secretary to the chief, planning and technical office, GS-6, Cop Reg, 2151; Moszett Daughtry, microphotographer (trainee), GT-3, Photodup, OP 5-100; William Gaymon, programmer, GS-11, MARC Dev, 2124; Takako Gilmore, processing assistant, GS-5, Share Cat, 2256; Laurie Lenkel, deck attendant, GS-3, Ser, RS-102; Stephanie Mason, reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, OP 5-600; Melvin A. Mumford, Jr., book preparation assistant, GS-3, Bind, 2175; Michael Seitzinger, subject cataloger, GS-9, Subj Cat, 2283.

Temporary Appointments: Myong-Hee Kim, clerk-typist, GS-3, CIP, NP; Carolyn Redfearn, clerk-typist, GS-3, GR&B, OP 9-600; Charles Yost, reference clerk, GS-3, CRS ENR, 2217.

Promotions: John Balthrop, P&P, to supervisory food specialist, GS-8, Bldgs, 4055; Edgar Glick, to congressional research administrator, GS-14, CRS D, 4015; Geneva McGilvery, to section secretary, GS-6, Cop Exam, 2330; Edward Sourian, to assistant to the chief, GS-14, LL NEA, 4060.

Resignations: Christopher Clarkson, PMO; Jane Floyd, Cat Publ; Gerald Hamilton, CRS G; John Jones, S&R; Denise McCray, CRS G; John Reynolds, E&G.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Henriette D. Avram, special assistant for network development, gave a presentation at Duke University on November 19 covering the operational and planned national bibliographic services of the Library of Congress as well as the responsibilities and actions of her recently established office. In addition to staff from Duke, employees of several of the North Carolina college and university libraries, the state library, and faculty of some of the library schools attended.

Georgette M. Dorn, specialist in Hispanic culture, and **Armando González**, assistant chief of the Hispanic Law Division, were interviewed during November by Vicente Guerra of WFAN-FM, the Spanish-language radio station of the greater Washington, D.C. area. Mr. Dorn discussed the Archive of Hispanic Literature on Tape and specifically talked about two Panamanian poets. In order to commemorate Panamanian independence, Mr. Guerra asked Mrs. Dorn to comment on the work and the Library's recordings by Maria Olimpía de Obaldía, poet laureate of Panama, and Stella Sierra, the great lyric poet. Through their poetry these two women have won an outstanding reputation throughout the hemisphere. Selections from the poetry of these writers were played as part of the program.

Mr. González was interviewed by Mr. Guerra about the functions of the Hispanic Law Division. Mr. González briefly described the extensive Hispanic law collection of the Library and the services his division renders to Congress, the legal community, the Federal government, and to scholars. The Hispanic Law Division has also published a number of important bibliographies of the laws and legal guides of the Hispanic area.

On November 18 **Jerald C. Maddox**, curator of photography, Prints and Photographs Division, gave an illustrated lecture on "Photography in the 19th Century" to the Washington Chapter of the Victorian Society of America.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clyde and Shirley Singleton are the parents of a son, Craig Anthony, born at Prince Georges Hospital on Monday, November 8. Mrs. Singleton works in the National Serials Data Program in the Serial Record Division.

The WRA Choral Society will present its annual Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 15, in the Coolidge Auditorium at 11:45 a.m. under the direction of Leontine Connolly, Library Services Division, codirector of the society. The Choral Society will also sponsor its second annual sign language concert at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 16, in the east lobby of the Thomas Jefferson Building near the office of the chief of the Descriptive Cataloging Division, Room 2040. Maxine Christian, Subject Cataloging Division, codirector of the Choral Society and instructor of a sign language class in the Library, is coordinating the program. Her pupils will participate in the signing with the Choral Society providing vocal backup.

The **Training Office** has announced the following in-house courses, prepared for Library of Congress employees. Attendance must be job-related and nominations must be submitted by the individual's supervisor using form LW 3/61, Library of Congress Employee Training Nomination. Supervisors should note nomination deadlines. Nominations for scheduled courses will not be accepted after the specified nomination deadline, except when the course is undersubscribed. Further information may be obtained by calling the Training Office on ext. 6348 or by referring to the annual *Catalog of Course Offerings, July 1976 through September 1977.*

Course Title	*Dates*	*Nomination Deadline*
French	1/24-3/4/77	1/7/77
Basic Management Functions	1/24-28/77	1/7/77
Personnel Policies and Procedures for Supervisors	1/25-2/3/77	1/7/77
Effective Letterwriting	1/31-2/16/77	1/14/77
Management Contact: TA for Organizations	2/7-11/77	1/21/77
Decision Making for Secretaries	2/8-17/77	1/21/77
German	2/14-4/25/77	1/28/77

The **U.S. Botanic Garden's** annual display of blooming poinsettias will be on view during December 15-26. Hundreds of plants representing the newest and best varieties of poinsettias will accent the Christmas holidays. Red, pink, and white will fill the conservatory building. The Botanic Garden, located at the corner of First St. and Maryland Ave., S.W., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except Christmas Day. Admission is free.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Braille Book Review. ISSN 0006-873X. Vol. 45, No. 6. November-December 1976. Free upon request from the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542.

Current Antarctic Literature. ISSN 0096-879X. No. 50. October 1976. Entries 17250-17404. Prepared by the Cold Regions Bibliography Project in the Science and Technology Division of the Library of Congress for the Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation. Available free from the Polar Information Service, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C. 20550.

Guide to the Law Library. January 1976. (8 p.) Available free from the Law Library, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

The New Braille Musician. Print Edition. ISSN 0093-2817. Fall 1976. Issued semiannually. Free upon request from the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

The 1975 Revised Constitution of The People's Republic of China, by Tao-tai Hsia and Kathryn A. Haun. July 1975. (109 p.) Free from the Law Library.

Talking Book Topics. ISSN 0039-9183. Vol. 42, No. 6. November-December 1976. Free upon request from the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

NEW REFERENCE WORK

Current Status of East Asian Collections in American Libraries, 1974/1975 is the fourth in a series of quinquennial surveys conducted by Tsuen-Hsuin Tsien and associates on behalf of the East Asian library community. In contrast to the relatively limited information provided for 20 libraries in the United States in the first survey published in 1959, this latest report includes detailed data on all aspects of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and cognate language collections in some 93 libraries in North America—89 in the United States, three in Canada, and one in Mexico.

In his introduction, Professor Tsien provides sum-

mary statements on holdings and resources; growth and geographical distribution of resources; acquisitions, cataloging, and arrearages; staffing and personnel needs; fiscal support and unit costs; access, patrons, and services; and problems and recommendations. Detailed statistical data on these subjects are provided in 12 tables.

Included are appendixes providing library-by-library listings of "Rarities and Specialties of East Asian Materials in American Libraries"; "Publications by or about East Asian Collections in American Libraries," a list which supplements the basic bibliography on the topic included in the first survey published in volume 29 of *The Library Quarterly* in 1959; and a "Directory of East Asian Collections in American Libraries."

The survey reveals that the 93 reporting libraries hold some 6.7 million volumes (versus the 2.5 million volumes reported in 1959), including some 4 million volumes in Chinese, 2.4 million volumes in Japanese, 200,000 volumes in Korean, and 45,000 volumes in Manchu, Mongol, Tibetan, Moso, and so forth. Western-language collections on East Asia are not reported.

The geographic distribution of the resources—located primarily in university and research libraries—is in approximate conformity to the distribution of the East Asian scholars as revealed by an analysis of the membership of the Association for Asian Studies. Thus, the largest library concentrations are found in the New England-Atlantic Coast region, the North Central or Midwestern region, and the Pacific region. Smaller collections are found in the Mountain and the South Central regions. An interesting recent development is the acquisition of East Asian-language materials by public library systems—such as the Seattle and San Francisco public libraries.

The survey was sponsored by the Committee on East Asian Libraries of the Association for Asian Studies and the Task Force on (Chinese) Libraries and Research Materials of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council. Published in September 1976 as a soft-bound 67-page booklet by the Center for Chinese Research Materials, Association of Research Libraries, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, it is available from the center at a cost of $4.50 plus postage and handling (30 cents domestic orders; 50 cents foreign orders). Parts of the study appeared previously in volumes 49-50 (March and July 1976) of the Committee on East Asian Libraries Newsletter. [*Warren Tsuneishi*]

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

Library Team Visits U.S.S.R.

A team of American librarians composed of Robert Wedgeworth, executive director of the American Library Association, Nathalie Delougaz, chief of LC's Shared Cataloging Division, and Susan K. Martin, head of the Library Systems Office at the University of California (Berkeley), departed on a two-week visit to the Soviet Union on November 13. The trip, made under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State with the Ministry of Culture of the U.S.S.R. as host to the delegation, has as its main purpose the negotiation of a series of exchange programs on a broad range of library-related topics and in different institutional settings. The group will visit libraries and information centers in Moscow, Leningrad, and Vilnius.

COMING EVENTS

A seminar on the **Cost of Information** will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 1977, at the Americana Hotel in New York, N.Y. from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. The seminar is cosponsored by the Metropolitan New York Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and the New York Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. A $25 registration fee should be sent to Mauro Pittaro, Engineering Index, 345 East 47th St., New York, N.Y. 10017.

Saul Bellow, winner of both the Nobel Prize for Literature and the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1976, has been elected by the National Council on the Humanities to give the 1977 **Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities.** Mr. Bellow will give two related lectures in March of 1977. One will be in Washington, D.C. and the second in Chicago, Ill. His theme will be the American writer and his material.

APPENDIX I

THE LIBRARIAN'S TASK FORCE ON GOALS, ORGANIZATION, AND PLANNING

A Report Covering the Period October 21-November 22, 1976

by John Y. Cole, Chairman

On October 21 the Task Force met to continue its discussion concerning bibliographic access to the Library's collections. The discussion, which emphasized the various uses of Library of Congress cataloging data, was based on an outline compiled from staff recommendations, ideas suggested by advisory groups, and the reports of the subcommittees on bibliographic access and services to staff.

The bibliographic role of the Library of Congress was discussed by the Task Force at its meeting on October 26. The discussion was based on an outline compiled from suggestions from the staff, ideas received from the advisory groups, and the reports of the subcommittees on the bibliographic role of the Library, area studies, and the cultural role of the Library.

On October 28 the Task Force met to consider the Library's loan and photoduplication services. The discussion was based on an outline compiled from staff suggestions, the user survey, and the reports of the subcommittees on loan and photoduplication services and services to staff. The recommendations of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science also were discussed.

Charles Eames, a member of the science and technology advisory group visited the Library on October 28. Mr. Eames met with the Librarian and the Task Force chairman. He also toured the Prints and Photographs Division and the Photoduplication Service, where his hosts were Jerald Maddox and Norman J. Shaffer, respectively.

On November 2 the Task Force discussed the subjects of documents and serials in the Library. The discussion was based on an outline compiled from staff suggestions, and the reports of the subcommittees on documents, serials management, services of staff, and area studies.

Ted Perry, director of the motion picture department, Museum of Modern Art, and a member of the arts advisory group, visited the Library on November 3. He toured the Motion Picture Section, the Music Division, and met with several Library officials.

The arts advisory group held its final session at the Library on November 3-4. An evening meeting was held on November 3 and the discussion was continued the next day. Topics included the proper role of the Library of Congress as a creative force in American society, the programming of the Library's cultural events and the proper relationship of those events to the Library's collections and activities, acquisitions policies, access to the Library's specialized research collections and the need to make those collections better known, the cataloging of unique materials, the need for specialists in fields not now adequately covered, especially dance and theater, relationships with professional societies, relationships with other cultural institutions such as the Kennedy Center, the National Gallery, the Museum of Modern Art, the special cultural role that the Library of Congress plays in the Washington, D.C., community, and specific subjects such as the videotaping of performances and program notes for the Library's concerts. The Librarian and several staff members from the Research Department joined the group for its discussions. Present at the meeting were Patrick Hayes, managing director, Washington Performing Arts Society, chairman; June Arey, The Rockefeller Foundation; Frank Campbell, chief, Music Division, New York Public Library; Jack Delano, artist and photographer, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico; Joseph Kerman, professor, Department of Music, University of California at Berkeley; Fisher Nesmith, consultant to the Museum of African Art, Washington, D.C.; Ted Perry; Charles Rosen, Department of Music, State University of New York at Stony Brook; and William B. Walker, librarian, National Collection of Fine Arts and National Portrait Gallery Library, Smithsonian Institution. On November 4 the arts group joined The Librarian and other staff members at a luncheon that also honored Nicolas Barker of the British Library, who delivered the first Engelhard lecture on the book that evening.

Messrs. Campbell, Delano, and Rosen spent November 5 at the Library, visiting various divisions of the Reader Services and Research Departments.

The Task Force met on November 5 to discuss the cultural role of the Library. Topics included the coordination of cultural events and programs, the exhibits and publications programs, publicity and communications, and the creation of an outstanding

graphics and sign system throughout all the buildings of the Library. The discussion was based on staff suggestions, the report of the subcommittee on the cultural role of the Library and ideas received from the advisory groups and other Library officials. As part of the discussion, Mr. Cole described, in general terms, Dr. Boorstin's concept of the future role of the Library of Congress Building, as well as his concept of the entire Library as an encyclopedia.

Jaroslav Pelikan, dean of the Yale Graduate School and chairman of the humanities advisory group, visited the Library on November 9. He met with Dr. Boorstin, Task Force Chairman John Cole, and with Christopher Wright and Robert Zich of the Task Force staff.

On November 11 the Task Force met to discuss the services offered by the Library of Congress to other libraries. The report of the subcommittee on services to libraries, which was chaired by Task Force member Lucia Rather, served as the basis for the discussion. Suggestions received from librarians around the country and certain ideas advanced by the advisory group on libraries and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science were also discussed.

The social sciences advisory group returned to the Library on November 12 for its final session. Principal topics of discussion included the relationship of the Library of Congress to the social sciences community, advisory boards for various Library of Congress activities, the need for the Library to make itself and its resources more visible, subject headings in the social sciences, the acquisition of material in the social sciences, particularly raw research data and unpublished research reports, orientation programs and improved facilities for visiting scholars, the availability of CRS research reports and data bases to a wider audience, research methods and techniques within CRS, the creation of a research and development office within the Library, and the Library of Congress and its activities as a subject of social science research. Present were W. Allen Wallis, chancellor, University of Rochester, chairman; Bernard Berelson, Population Research Council, New York, N.Y.; Hugh F. Cline, consultant, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N.J.; Stanley Engerman, professor, Department of Economics, University of Rochester; David Goslin, executive director, Assembly of Behavioral and Social Sciences, National Academy of Sciences; Peter de Janosi, Division of Education and Research, The Ford Foundation; George Lowy, chief, Social Science Center, Columbia University; and Dorothy Ross, professor, Department of History, Princeton University.

Robert Asleson, president of R. R. Bowker Co. and a member of the publishers advisory group, visited the Library on November 12 to discuss the Library's preservation program with Frazer Poole, assistant director for preservation, Administrative Department. Messrs. Asleson and Poole joined the social sciences advisory group and several members of the Library staff at a luncheon meeting.

The Task Force met on November 15 to discuss the general reference and research services offered by the Library of Congress. The discussion was based on an outline compiled from staff suggestions, the user survey, the reports of the subcommittees on the cultural role of the Library, area studies, and automation and reference services, and the 1974 reports of the Library's reference roundtable.

The law advisory group held its final session at the Library on November 15-16. An evening meeting was held on November 15 and the discussions were continued the next day. Topics included the services offered by the Library of Congress to Congress, legal scholars, lawyers, and law students, relationships between the law and social sciences, particularly in terms of library service, the law collections of the Library of Congress, especially foreign law, services offered by the Library of Congress to law libraries and other libraries, the relationship of the Library of Congress to the Supreme Court, Federal agencies, and other institutions, acquisition and processing of legal materials, the development of class K (law), relationships between the American Law Division of the Congressional Research Service and the Law Library, and the relationship of the Law Library to other Library of Congress units and activities. Present were Phil Neal, professor, University of Chicago Law School, chairman; Morris L. Cohen, librarian, Harvard Law School; Jack Ellenberger, librarian, Covington & Burling, Washington, D.C., and president of the Association of Law Librarians; Marian G. Gallagher, law librarian and professor of law, University of Washington; William J. Kenney, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Judge Harold Leventhal, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; and Sidney S. Sachs, Sachs, Greenebaum & Tayler, Washington, D.C., and chairman of the American Bar Association committee on the facilities of the law library of Congress.

The final meeting of the publishers advisory group was held on November 17 at the offices of McGraw-Hill, Inc., in New York. Discussion centered on

informal papers prepared by panel members concerning areas in which the Library of Congress and the publishing community shared a common concern. The topics included the publishing program of the Library of Congress, preservation, archives of publishing, possible cooperation in support of American libraries, possible activities of the Library of Congress in relation to the role of the book in American culture, copyright, automated bibliography and cataloging, and international activities. Present were Dan M. Lacy, senior vice president, McGraw-Hill, Inc., advisory group chairman; Robert Asleson, president, R. R. Bowker Co.; Edward E. Booher, director, National Enquiry into Scholarly Communication, Princeton, N.J.; John Y. Cole, Task Force chairman; Townsend Hoopes, president, Association of American Publishers; Chester Kerr, director, Yale University Press; Kenneth McCormick, senior consulting editor, Doubleday & Co.; Carol Nemeyer, staff director for general publishing, Association of American Publishers; James Parton, Assistant Librarian for Public Education, Library of Congress; and Charles Scribner, president, Charles Scribner's Sons.

On November 17, Christopher Wright and Robert Zich of the Task Force staff visited the New York Public Library where their hosts were Donald F. Jay, chief, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Center, and Thor Wood, chief, Library and Museum of the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center. On the evening of the 17th, Messrs. Cole, Wright, and Zich visited the Bobst Library of New York University, where they met with librarian Carleton Rochelle and Arthur Tannenbaum, head of building services. On the morning of November 18, accompanied by Susan Tarr of the Congressional Research Service, they met with Jerome Yavarkovsky, assistant librarian for planning, Columbia University Library. On the afternoon of the 18th, the group toured the Princeton University Library and met with university librarian Richard W. Boss.

The media advisory group held its final meeting at the Library on November 22. The discussion was based on papers prepared by individual panel members after their initial visits to the Library. Principal topics included ways in which the Library can improve its services to the media, the availability of CRS research reports and data bases, the services offered by CRS to the Congress, the educational role of the Library, the use of on-line computer-based programs, public relations programs, the Library of Congress building as a tourist attraction, resources for pictorial research, and the need for more information about the Library, its collections, and its services. The panel met with several Library officials, including William J. Welsh, The Deputy Librarian; Mary C. Lethbridge, Information Officer; and John B. Kuiper, chief, Prints and Photographs Division. Present were David Schoumacher, WMAL-TV, chairman; Ed Guthman, *Los Angeles Times-Mirror;* Edward P. Morgan, news commentator; Joan Richman, CBS News; Jerold TerHorst, *Detroit News;* and Richard Stewart, *Boston Globe.*

During the month the Task Force chairman and staff held a number of informal meetings with department directors and assistant directors, division chiefs, and other senior Library officials.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

The subcommittee on services to Congress was chaired by Helen W. Dalrymple in the office of the director of the Congressional Research Service. Task Force liaison was Edward Knight of the Congressional Research Service. Members were Peter Bridge, Exchange and Gift Division; Susan Finsen, Congressional Research Service; Anthony P. Harrison, Copyright Office; Paul Heffron, Manuscript Division; Jane Lindley, General Reference and Bibliography Division (now in the Congressional Research Service); Adoreen McCormick, Legislative Liaison Officer, Office of the Librarian; Nancy Mitchell, Information Office (now detailed to the Task Force office); Robert Nay, American-British Law Division; and Charlene Woody, Information Systems Office.

The subcommittee report focuses on the following topics: communications with Congress, communications with staff and between departments, statistical reporting needs, administrative priorities, heightening the profile of the Library, coordination of services to Congress, organizational alternatives concerning legal services for the Congress, Congressional loan policy, and Library of Congress reference centers and book rooms in the Congressional office buildings, the use of CRS resources to enhance the overall reference capabilities of the Library, improving bibliographic services to Congress, expansion of the Library's automated information services to Congress, and several new services that might be offered to the Congress. Appendixes to the report include Task Force and other surveys and analyses, recent Congressional reports about Library of Congress information resources and services available to the Congress, and minutes of the 17 subcommittee meetings.

The 14 subcommittee reports (the user survey, the

cultural role of the Library, area studies, serials management, services to the staff, bibliographic access, collection development, training and staff development, loan and photoduplication services, the bibliographic role of the Library, documents, automation and reference services, services to libraries, and services to Congress) contain recommendations to the Task Force, and those recommendations presently are being considered by the Task Force. The subcommittee reports have been distributed to department directors and other Library officials; they also are available for consultation in the Task Force office. Summaries of the reports have been made available to staff members through their division offices and have been distributed to the advisory groups. The summaries may be borrowed by individual staff members from the Task Force office. The topical outlines used for Task Force discussions also are available.

APENDIX II

REPORTS ON THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES
Kingston, Jamaica, October 24-30, 1976

The eighth annual meeting of the Association of Caribbean University and Research Libraries (ACURIL VIII) was held at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel. The formal opening of the conference on Sunday evening, October 24, reflected the national support and respect for the Jamaican library community. Kenneth E. Ingram, university librarian of the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica, and chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee, welcomed participants. He acknowledged the cooperation and financial assistance of UNESCO, the Government of Jamaica, the University of the West Indies, the Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes (UNICA), ALCAN Jamaica Ltd., the Jamaica Library Service, the Jamaica Library Association, and Jamaican institutional and personal members of ACURIL.

Mr. Ingram referred to ACURIL's beginnings under the sponsorship of UNICA and to the close involvement of the libraries of the University of the West Indies in the affairs of ACURIL. He mentioned the theme of conference's three-day workshop on the Planning of National Library and Information Systems in the Countries of the Caribbean Basin, pointing out that while the concept of planning is not new, the impact of modern technology upon planning is recent. He introduced Aubrey Phillips, who presented greetings and good wishes for the conference on behalf of the Minister of Education. Henry Fowler, chairman, National Council on Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres, referred to the November 1975 Conference on the planning of NATIS (National Information System), sponsored by UNESCO and the Jamaica Library Association, and its relation to the workshop and to the work of the National Council. He described plans for creating a National Library of Jamaica and the commission's efforts to survey existing libraries and library resources. He felt that national programs would be aided by the ACURIL workshop and wished the conference great success.

Governor-General Florizel Glasspole, a former and long-term Minister of Education, reiterated his support of libraries and information centers and expressed his pleasure that ACURIL had chosen Jamaica for its meeting. He emphasized that libraries now have a role to play that goes far beyond the provision of books—in education, providing free access to information, and in eliminating illiteracy. In closing, he suggested that all national library systems should have as their goal the common good of the majority of the population and declared the conference open. ACURIL President Ana Olivia Marín Gomez, Universidad Central de Venezuela, responded with a plea for the improvement of human resources through the planning, organization, and development of libraries. She acknowledged the special report and sponsorship of the Universidad Central, its School of Librarianship and Archives, and of Virginia Betancourt, director of the National Library of Venezuela,

and voiced her gratitude to other supporting groups and to the Governor-General of Jamaica. A reception followed the formal opening.

ACURIL VIII business began with an administrative session and committee meetings on Monday, October 25. The president's report covered the work of the Executive Council concerning membership and dues, planning for ACURIL VIII, and the association's relations with IFLA. CLADES (Centro Latinamericano de Documentacion Economia y Social), and UNICA. Lic. Marín also made specific recommendations concerning a subcommittee of the Publications Committee, to be established and active in the country of the ACURIL president, a followup on recommendations of ACURIL VII concerning library education, and continuance of the program of conference evaluation initiated during ACURIL VII. Isabel C. Morasso de Nava, Museo de Bellas Arts, Caracas, then gave the treasurer's report showing a membership of 98 institutions representing 23 countries. In addition there are 38 personal and 5 associate memberships. Gustave A. Harrer, University of Florida and chairman of the Committee on Bylaws and Constitution, presented amendments to the ACURIL Constitution lowering the requirements of a quorum and concerning the designation of official voting representatives. These recommendations were accepted. Daphne Ottley Harper, Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, asked for time for a report of the ACURIL evaluation survey by the Personnel Committee, urged that committees be allotted more program and meeting time, and suggested a limitation on the number of committees on which members served. Alan Moss, University of the West Indies, Barbados, also voiced concern over the number and duration of committee membership and suggested constitutional clauses governing such membership. Wynette Hutchinson, Central Library of Trinidad and Tobago, pointed out the problems involved in committee memberships that represented multi-lingual as well as multinational groups.

Arabia Teresa Cova, Escuela de Bibliotecologia, Universidad Central de Venezuela, chairman of the Bibliography Committee, mentioned the new Bibliography Committee for the Netherlands Antilles chaired by Arnold Conquet, Curacao Public Library, and its efforts to augment the bibliography of Caribbean bibliography prepared in 1975. She urged the subcommittees for the French, English, and Spanish-speaking areas to take similar action. Plans have been made for the eventual automated preparation of the Bibliography of Caribbean Bibliographies.

The Standing Committees of ACURIL held simultaneous meetings on Monday afternoon, October 25. Visits to the University Libraries or the Norman Manley Law School of the University of the West Indies, the Institute of Jamaica, and the Jamaica Library Service followed the committee sessions. An evening reception featured a performance of the University Singers, who presented a selection of varied and rhythmic Caribbean and Latin American songs.

The workshop on the Planning of National Library and Information Systems was opened on Tuesday morning, October 26. The president introduced Carlos Victor Penna, formerly of UNESCO and coordinator of the workshop, which was planned with the collaboration of William Cameron, School of Library and Information Science, University of Western Ontario. Sr. Penna disclaimed the honor of being designated an authority on planning, but hoped to stimulate open professional discussion that would lead to creation of national infrastructures in which libraries and information services can contribute to the social and economic development of their respective regions. Once librarians preceive their own social responsibilities, they can enlist the action and support by national and political officers and institutions. He felt that the struggle between old and new in the library profession had reached a crisis level; libraries are not meeting their responsibilities because they are unprepared and continue "to act" rather than "to think." The fundamental need for research on librarianship, cited by Josefa Emilia Sabor and many years ago by Louis Round Wilson, continues. World population growth has required greatly expanded education programs that tend to be measured more by quantitative than by qualitative standards. Three other factors have affected libraries and contributed to this crisis: the information explosion that has accompanied scientific and technological developments, the growth of radio and television as forms of social communication that invite passive acceptance of messages in lieu of thought, and the heightened information requirements of modern technology.

Sr. Penna outlined some of the many previous conferences that had focused on planning in relation to libraries. He cited a paper by Josefa Emília Sabor prepared for the IFLA/UNESCO/LC Seminar for Latin American Librarians and Documentalists held in Washington before the 1974 IFLA meeting, and the deliberations of the 1972 ABCD/SI Conference (Seminario Interamericano sobre la integración de los servicios de información de archivos, bibliotecas y

centros de documentación en América Latina y el Caribe). The UNESCO/Jamaica Library Service workshop on the planning of NATIS, Library and Documentation networks for the Caribbean Area, held November 10-14, 1975, had also emphasized planning.

Discussion followed, with comment by Primitivo Martinez, Bayamon Central University Library; Thomas McGinn, Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico; Daphne Harper; Alma Jordan, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad; and Maria Elena de Cardona, Biblioteca Regional del Caribe. A growing concern for concerted overall planning and a belief that ACURIL should broaden its scope to cover all types of libraries was evident. Oneida R. de Ortiz, Colegio Regional Metropolitano, Bayamon, P. R., emphasized the need to gauge the effect of technology upon libraries and the academic environment in which they operate. Olga Oropesa de Ojeda, Universidad Central de Venezuala, spoke of the need for studies on standards, integration of systems, and the need to create a national consciousness of the essential character and value of the NATIS concept. Workshop participants then formed Spanish and English groups, each composed of smaller working groups concentrating on particular aspects of the workshops theme.

Reports by Virginia Betancourt, Biblioteca Nacional, Caracas; Daphne Douglas, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica; and Maria Elena de Cardona, described the national situations in their respective countries. In Puerto Rico, national plans encompassing all types of public, special, school, and uinversity libraries have been formulated. Close cooperation between the libraries of the University of Puerto Rico, the Inter-American University, and the Biblioteca Regional del Caribe is planned; attention has been given to government libraries and to the Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña where centralized official agencies are to be established.

Virginia Betancourt, librarian of the National Library of Venezuela, reported on the Venezuelan experience. Compliance with pre-existing law and new statutues has provided a legal foundation for a national Information System. The National Commission for the Establishment of the National Information System, with the aid of subordinate Working Groups and Technical Counselling Committees, has undertaken surveys of present needs and resources, proposed goals and objectives, and recommended an institutional framework to achieve these goals. A permanent Council for the National System of Library and Information Services, directly under the Presidency of the Republic and provided with an executive secretary, will plan and coordinate services to users. Like the National Commission, its membership is to be drawn from many professional and cultural groups. A system of library services, a system of information and documentation services and an archives system have been proposed. The National Library Autonomous Institute would be the nucleus of the Library Services System, the National Archives would be the center of the Archives System, and the new system of Information and Documentation Services would have its own Council. Further legislation and action covering copyright registration and legal deposit are recommended.

The surveys and recommendations of the National Commission stress coordination and the formulation of national plans that will provide the educational, informational, and cultural services to which citizens are entitled. To achieve these objectives, the establishment and maintenance of standards for services and training of personnel and cooperation among groups and institutions representing all levels of government, all regions of the nation, and all centers of library and information services will be essential. The National Library will serve as a center for national cultural resources, provide national reference and bibliographic services, and organize and develop a nationwide system of public libraries. It will also have important national and international responsibilities as a component part of the National Council of Library and Information Services. Sr. Penna pointed to the Venezuelan plan of action as a Latin American example of concerted work toward a NATIS goal.

Daphne Douglas, head of the Department of Library Studies, University of the West Indies, reported on Library and Documentation Services in Jamaica. Through such existing institutions as the Jamaica Library Service and the system of parish libraries within the service, the Institute of Jamaica and its West Indies Reference Library with responsibility for the Jamaican National Bibliography, the University of the West Indies with its facilities for studies and research, and the other specialized governmental and university libraries of the nation, Jamaica has the institutional foundations for a national system. The National Council on Libraries, Archives and Documentation, established in 1974 and reporting directly to the office of the Prime Minister, has functions that are evaluative and advisory but carries weight because of its position and the high calibre of its membership. An existing institutional framework, an active and

forward looking professional body, and a favorable official attitude towards libraries are positive factors in Jamaica. Additional legal bases are still needed to reinforce the role of the Institute of Jamaica as a national library and to assign national research library functions to the University of West Indies libraries. As in Venezuela, legislation is still needed to provide for a copyright act and for legal deposit of works in the future national library. Official granting of greater autonomy and more authority to the National Council on Libraries, Archives, and Documentation would allow for more integrated planning of the infrastructures needed to fulfill the NATIS concept. Standardization for bibliographic control and fuller application of technology to documentation, libraries, and archives must be achieved and attention given to planning for the training of manpower qualified to carry out the mission of a coordinated National Information System. The Spanish-speaking group then met to discuss questions that had been proposed by Sr. Penna and the English-speaking group considered the recommendations of the 1975 UNESCO/JLS Workshop on the Planning of NATIS, Library, and Documentation networks for the Caribbean area. That evening the Jamaica Library Association was host to conference participants at an outdoor dinner featuring Jamaican dishes at the Morgan's Harbour Hotel in Port Royal overlooking the historic harbor, once a center of piracy.

Building upon the experience described in the previous day's sessions, the workshop continued the next day with a session on specific techniques for the planning of national systems of library and information services. The strategic importance of the organizational placement of a national commission on libraries and information services was stressed; a position close to the chief executive of a government and the inclusion of leaders in other fields as well as librarians among the members of the commission are valuable assets. The Venezuelan National Commission had benefited from the participation of respected members of many professional and other groups; the provision of a paid secretariat is also crucial to the effectiveness of such a body.

The programs of all types of libraries must be coordinated in national systems; all librarians, in their associations, schools, and regional groups, must assume responsibility for promoting official attitudes and policies that are conducive to the development of national systems. Where national planning offices exist, national library commissions should be closely linked to the planning bodies. Surveys to measure current resources, costs of library operations, and future capabilities are badly needed. It was suggested that ACURIL could aid in the preparation of the needed basic statistical data. Gustave Harrer, commenting on the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, emphasized that its membership includes publishers and members of the information industry as well as librarians. In this case, the commission's role is more to coordinate existing institutions and programs than to develop a new national system.

An innovative use of a slide program was demonstrated by Ermila Pérez Perrazo, Universidad Central de Venezuela. The program, prepared as an annual report for the University's BIDOP (División de Bibliotecas, Información, Documentación, y Publicación), showed the important role of these units in giving coordinated support to academic teaching and learning. Another film demonstrated the ability of BIDOP to provide audiovisual teaching aids. Virginia Betancourt reported that in Venezuela studies of various types of libraries had been a prerequisite to the coordination and standardization of elements of national networks. A deliberate decision had been made to single out and develop certain library and information centers so that they could serve as pilot projects and models. Special attention had been devoted to public and school libraries; statisticians, economists, architects, lawyers, and sociologists had joined librarians in the working groups reporting to the National Commission.

Joyce Robinson, Jamaica Adult Literacy Program and formerly of the Jamaica Library Service, stressed that each nation must pursue the course best suited to its own situation. In Jamaica, librarians had conducted a persuasive campaign that involved national officials in library matters; the National Commission included members of the principal library centers and the Jamaica Library Association along with high level representatives of the Ministeries of Finance and Education, the National Planning Office, the Booksellers Association, and the business sector. The Jamaican National Commission has just been assigned a full-time research officer and a secretary. In moving from planning to direct action, it has used supportive action that does not threaten existing institutions, inviting them to submit their own plans. UNESCO has made possible the three-month services of a special consultant. At the same time, training programs that stress selection of personnel with a true commitment to library and information service are being undertaken.

William Cameron, University of Western Ontario, described the current situation in Canada. Approaches to library and information service have relied more upon regional initiatives than upon a centralized national effort. The National Library rests upon firm legal grounds and national systems of scientific and technical information are being developed. Systems that began on a provincial basis are gradually expanding into larger territorial units and to cover more types of libraries.

An afternoon session of the working groups was followed in the evening by the Governor-General's reception at King's House. The reception opened with the national anthem, after which the guests entered an open courtyard where the Jamaica Military Band, seated on the lawn, played a variety of formal and informal compositions. Members of the National Commission on Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres; the British High Commissioner; Clinton V. Black, Jamaican Government archivist; and many other distinguished guests mingled with the ACURIL conferees, again attesting to the position of respect enjoyed by librarians and libraries of Jamaica.

On Thursday morning, October 28, the role of university libraries in a national library and information system was discussed with special attention to their interrelationships with other types of library and information units. Alma Jordan gave a thought-provoking statement on the way in which university libraries can contribute to any nationwide network of libraries. They are service-oriented and perform a catalytic function in drawing attention to library services in the other units of an educational system. They can and do serve a larger public than the university student population; not only do they give aid to high school students but they also support advanced research institutions, both inside and outside the government. Thus they can play an essential role in developing countries.

Sra. Cardona suggested the creation of an ACURIL Committee on Planning and Research, concerned with these matters and with carrying out the resolutions passed at ACURIL conferences. Miguel Sánchez, Universidad de Oriente, Venezuela, stressed the multiple responsibilities of university libraries in developing countries or regions. The relatively greater human and material resources of these libraries confer responsibilities for the training of school and rural libraries as well as for bibliographic coverage. Conditions vary among nations and the ultimate goals are the improvement of services rather than the development of prescribed plans or infrastructures. A university library's primary role is to support academic programs, but once these demands are met, services can be provided to the public. Henry Chang, director of libraries, U.S. Virgin Islands, stated that college as well as university libraries could perform national services, citing the College of the Virgin Islands and its functions as a depository library and in the direction of workshops for librarians. Kenneth E. Ingram endorsed the concept of the university as a national resource center for foreign literature and stated that governing boards must be convinced that this is an important mission within the context of national plans. Olga Oropesa de Ojeda suggested that ACURIL's working papers could be used as documentation and bases for requests to governments and governing bodies.

On Friday morning, October 29, the ACURIL business meeting began with the report of the Nominating Committee. Vilma Rivera de Bayon, Biblioteca de Derecho, University of Puerto Rico, and Miguel Sánchez were nominated to fill the two positions on the Executive Council vacated by Oneida de Ortiz and Gustave A. Harrer. The nominees were introduced and unanimously elected. Alma Jordan gave the report of the Personnel Committee which had concentrated on the English-speaking areas and now recommended the establishment of subcommittees for the other areas.

The committee had spent much time and effort in carrying out the self-evaluation that it had recommended for ACURIL. Two questionnaires on ACURIL I-VI and on ACURIL VII had been distributed at ACURIL VII. The Self-evaluation Report, based on review of the questionnaires, and its statistical appendixes reinforced the committee's recommendation for continuing education programs at ACURIL sessions; it also contained recommendations for increasing ACURIL's effectiveness through committee activities, greater involvement of the staff of member libraries, and modifications in the planning and presentation of conference sessions and papers. The committee specifically recommended that members serve on no more than two committees in order to involve more members and encourage effective committee work. Joint study of the supply and demand for professional library staff by the Personnel and Education Committees was advocated.

Alan Moss, chairman of the Acquisitions Committee for the English-speaking areas, reported on a project carrying out previous plans for the distribution of English-language Caribbean publications through centers at the University of the West Indies

in Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, at the University of Guyana, and at the Public Library of St. Thomas, V.I. The current national bibliographies are to be used as a basis and member libraries are to be asked to prepare interest "profiles" to be used in the selection of material to be distributed.

Shirley Evelyn of the University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago, chairman of the Indexing Committee, reported on *CARINDEX: Caribbean Social Sciences Index,* a guide to serials published in Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago. The publication is to be issued twice yearly; the PRECIS (Presented Context Index System) technique of indexing is to be adopted. The committee asked for assistance in obtaining funding for special training in PRECIS techniques. Future expansion of the coverage of CARINDEX was expected and recommendations made for a parallel effort by the Spanish-speaking Indexing Committee.

John Veenstra, Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico, reported that a request for funds for microfilming projects in Venezuela, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and Puerto Rico was to be resubmitted to the Organization of American States. Training in the technical aspects of filming and specialized equipment is needed. The Venezuelan Microfilming Committee continues to be active. The Microfilming Committee's goals include preparation of bibliographies covering available microforms of publications from or about the Caribbean and a report on Caribbean microfilming centers.

The report of the Publications Committee was presented by Vilma Rivera de Bayron in the absence of its chairman, Neida Pagan. She first paid a special tribute to Albertina Perez de Rosa, former chairman of the committee, who was unable to be present because of serious illness. News and other contributions are badly needed for the ACURIL *Newsletter,* which requires reporting from all the countries of the Caribbean. The Working Papers of ACURIL IV will be available for $2.50 (U.S.).

Stanley Grant of the Jamaican National Commission for UNESCO was introduced by the president. In presenting copies of his work, *The Call of Mother Africa,* to the president and other members, he stressed the writer's feeling that libraries are his ally and spoke proudly of Jamaica's intellectual and cultural achievements. He also conveyed an offer, stimulated by Joyce Robinson, from the Courier Press to print the Working Papers of ACURIL VIII.

In the afternoon session, Alma Jordan presented the report of the Resolutions Committee. Resolutions arising from the standing committees called for ACURIL funding for the distribution project to be carried out by the English-speaking Area Acquisitions Committee; coordination of all bibliographic activities by the Bibliography Committee, which is to serve as a clearinghouse and distribution point for bibliographic activities; efforts by the Bibliography Committee to secure the adoption of legal deposit laws that will facilitate the creation of national bibliographies; promotion of Caribbean national and subject bibliographies, and the publication of *The Bibliography of Caribbean Bibliography* and supplementary information. Resolutions supported the issuance of an experimental issue of *CARINDEX* by the Indexing Committee, the funding of training in indexing and a workshop on indexing. The adoption of standard bibliographic abbreviations and the maintenance of current information by the Bibliography Committee were similarly recommended. Another resolution adopted the Personnel Committee's proposals for consideration of a central ACURIL Secretariat to serve as a clearinghouse, provide translation services, and support association activities; for seeking the backing of UNICA (Association of Caribbean University and Research Institutes) in funding; and for close coordination of the activities of ACURIL with those of other comparable regional and national groups (such as the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials).

An additional resolution was for the establishment of a Committee on Research and Planning and of a working group charged with responsibility for following through on resolutions and composed of the president and immediate past president. The Publications Committee was to be encouraged to work closely with the Public Relations Committee in collecting information; it was also to be thanked for its achievements in publishing the *Newsletter* and *Working Papers.*

Resolutions to carry out the president's recommendations for a subcommittee of the Public Relations Committee in the country of the president to ensure full coverage of ACURIL activities and for early study and implementation of the Self-Evaluation Report were presented. Constitutional amendments to broaden ACURIL membership to include all types of libraries in the Caribbean were recommended. A resolution urging adoption of the recommendations of the Spanish- and English-speaking Working Groups of the workshop on Planning National Library and Information Systems in the Caribbean was formulated; the distinctive contribution of all types of

libraries to a national system and the importance of close contacts with other professional groups and sections was recognized. It was resolved that the Committee on Research and Planning should concentrate on the gathering of statistics used for national and international planning.

There were several resolutions of gratitude, acknowledging the special interest and support of the Governor-General, the efficient work and hospitality of the Local Arrangements Committee and cooperating libraries and librarians of Jamaica, and to the Jamaica Library Association, the University Singers, and the Jamaica Pegasus. The Universidad Central de Venezuela was thanked for its support of the workshop and Carlos Victor Penna and William Cameron were thanked for their leadership. The assistance of Consuelo de Francisco, Escuela de Bibliotecologia, Universidad Central de Venezuela, in the workshop was also acknowledged.

ACURIL members were called upon to support the efforts of the Microfilming Committee and the separate national microfilming committee to secure funding from the Organization of American States and other sources for needed microfilming. The committee was urged to work toward its stated goals.

The resolutions were adopted without discussion. The workshop plans of action prepared by the Spanish-speaking and English-speaking groups were distributed. They were organized along different lines and thus not readily combined. The English paper covered strategy, surveys, user awareness, and manpower while the Spanish report made specific suggestions for action. One of these suggestions called upon the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) to consider a pilot project in Puerto Rico. Sra. Oropesa de Ojeda asked that the Committee on Research and Planning be directed to work with the Executive Committee in carrying out the recommendations made by the workshop paper. Carlos Victor Penna voiced his hope that ACURIL action on this theme would set a useful world. Ana Olivia Marín expressed the belief that the resolutions and recommendations would aid future developments.

The annual banquet was held at the adjourning Jamaica Sheraton Hotel the evening of October 28. Certificates of workshop attendance were distributed and the new Executive Council members were installed. Gustave A. Harrer, incoming vice president, paid a lively and diverting tribute to the outgoing president, Ana Olivia Marín, as she received her gifts of appreciation. Kenneth E. Ingram accepted the president's gavel and succinctly outlined tentative plans for the coming year before closing ACURIL VIII.

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